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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *aa*

RE: Meeting Documentation, Crown Asphalt Corporation (Crown), Asphalt Ridge Tar Sands Mine, M/047/032, Uintah County, Utah

Date: September 14, 1998

Time: 1500 - 1650

Location: Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Offices, Salt Lake City

Participants: Jay Mealey, Rick Hoggan, Wes Norris, Crown; Wayne Hedberg, Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss the implications of the Division's August 31, 1998 letter regarding the status of mine permits held by Crown and Uintah County.

Crown requested this meeting in response to the Division letter which stated the mine permits for both Crown and Uintah County were valid. Crown is concerned with active mining by both entities within the same pit area. The Division explained that since the large mine permit for Uintah County was not formally transferred or terminated it remains in effect. Crown is concerned about the responsibility for reclamation of existing disturbances at the site. Crown's position is that they would be responsible for reclamation of all disturbances they utilize or disturb. Crown's operation would result in the placement of reject sands in the pit disturbance created by Uintah County. This placement of reject sands would result in partial or complete reclamation of the County's pit. Crown does not intend to assume reclamation responsibility for the entire pit area, or for complete backfilling of the entire pit. Crown would reclaim that portion of the pit which their reject sands would backfill.

Crown does not want to be responsible for reclaiming those disturbances created by the County which are outside of the operations area utilized by Crown. Crown referred to the Tar Sands Supply and Mining Agreement between Uintah County and Crown as addressing the mining activities within the current pit area. The Division is not a party to this business agreement. The Division's August 31, 1998 letter mentions the need for one updated mining and reclamation plan for the entire mine site, or two independent mining and reclamation plans.

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Another reason for Crown's request for this meeting was to discuss permitting requirements for proposed changes to their approved mining and reclamation plan. After reviewing the surface facilities map from the current mine plan, it was discovered that the map does not adequately reflect the current surface disturbances or facility configuration. The Division would need an updated surface facilities map regardless of any proposed changes to the mining and reclamation plan. Crown had aerial photographs of the site recently taken for the purpose of mapping. This new mapping information will not be available for several weeks. Crown proposed using the updated surface maps from this aerial photography to identify mining and reclamation responsibilities for this site for both Crown and Uintah County.

A meeting with the Division, Crown and Uintah County had previously been proposed within the next few weeks. Considering that the updated surface facilities maps would alleviate the confusion regarding responsibilities at the site, the Division proposes to delay the joint meeting until an updated map is available. Crown agreed with this delay and the Division agreed to contact Uintah County to discuss postponing the meeting.

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